

## What To Do If You Are A Victim

- If mail was stolen, contact the Postal Inspector.  
[www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors)
- If Social Security Number/Card has been stolen, call the SSN Fraud Hotline. 1-800-269-0271.
- If your checks have been stolen or misused, close the account and ask your bank to notify the appropriate check verification service.
- OPT OUT (stop pre approved credit cards). 1-888-567-8688
- Contact the Utah Attorney General's Office to file a complaint. 801-281-1265

For additional information visit  
[www.attorneygeneral.utah.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.utah.gov)



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## How Identity Theft Occurs

Skilled thieves gain access to your identity by:

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- Stealing your ID cards, credit cards and bankcards.
  - Stealing your mail, including account statements, pre-approved credit card offers, and tax information.
  - Buying your personal information from sources such as employees at stores, restaurants or hotels.
  - Getting your information off of the Internet.
  - Rummaging through your trash or the trash of businesses and dumps, known as "dumpster diving."
  - "Skimming" your credit card through a special information device that stores the card information.
  - "Shoulder surfing" to over hear or see any personal identifying information.
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## How To Protect Yourself

To help minimize the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft, there are a few simple steps you can take. For starters, just remember the word "SCAM."

**S:** Be **STINGY** about giving out your personal information to others unless you have a reason to trust them, regardless of where you are.

**C:** **CHECK** your finance information regularly and look for what should be there and what shouldn't.

**A:** **ASK** periodically for a copy of your credit report.

**M:** **MAINTAIN** careful records of your banking and financial accounts.

**Educating yourself is the best way to minimize identity fraud.**

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- File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the ID theft took place. Get a copy of your report in the event the banks, credit card companies or others request it.
  - Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and file a report.  
**1-877-ID THEFT**  
[www.consumer.gov/idtheft/](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/)
  - Contact the creditors/banks for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Close out those accounts and re-open with new PIN numbers.
  - File a report with one of the three major credit-reporting bureaus to put a fraud alert on your name. Order credit reports and review them thoroughly.
    - Experian: 1-888-397-3742
    - Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
    - TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289
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